

**Feb Upcoming School Events and Items of interest**

**\*\*Presidents' Day -- Feb. 15, 2010 - (Schools Closed) \*\***

Brentwood Elementary upcoming events:

PTO General Meeting -- Feb. 2, 6:00 in the Media Center  
4th Grade FCAT Writes -- Feb. 9-11  
Bounce U Family Night -- Feb. 11, 5:00-8:30

Sarasota High School - UPCOMING FCAT DATES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9: GRADE 10 - Writing  
TUESDAY, MARCH 9: GRADES 9 & 10 - Reading RETAKES  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10 GRADES 9 & 10 - Math RETAKES

**March 16 Referendum Election Information**

On Tuesday, March 16, 2010, a special election will be conducted in Sarasota County. The ballot will include a referendum to allow the Sarasota County School District to continue a 1-mill levy to support public education.

No one wants to sound as if they're anti-children or anti-teacher or anti-education, but the following website links are provide with different view points on this school tax vote.

<http://www.sarasotacountyschools.net>  
<http://www.scribd.com/doc/25583281>  
<http://www.heraldtribune.com/article/20100122/COLUMNIST/1221027>

**Health Department offering free H1N1 flu vaccine clinics to local businesses**

The Sarasota County Health Department is offering free H1N1 flu vaccines at local offices or business sites. Health Department nurses will travel anywhere in Sarasota County to dispense free vaccine for groups of 20 or more. Families and children are welcome.

Although local incidents of flu illness have subsided, another wave of flu illness could cause excessive employee absenteeism, and disrupt workplace operations and productivity. Business organizations should get their employees vaccinated, and continue to follow the precautions of frequent hand washing, covering coughs and sneezing into the inside of the elbow, and staying home when sick. These important actions can help to reduce flu illness in the community.

To book a free H1N1 clinic at a business site, contact the Sarasota County Health Department at 941-861-2678. For complete updates about H1N1 flu, visit [www.sarasotahealth.org](http://www.sarasotahealth.org).

**2010 Circus Sarasota Performers** [www.CircusSarasota.org](http://www.CircusSarasota.org)

Friday Feb. 12 through Sunday Feb. 28, 2010 Tuttle & 12th in Sarasota

Ticket prices from \$ 10 to Box Seats \$ 42.00

Circus Sarasota is a 501 (c) 3 Non-Profit Performing Arts Educational Organization

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**District to accept 2010-11 school choice requests in February**

Parents who would like their children to attend a Sarasota County public school in 2010-11 other than their districted school are invited to submit a school choice application from Monday, Feb. 1 through Friday, Feb. 19. School choice application forms will be available beginning Monday, Feb. 1 at all public schools, at selected daycare facilities, or by calling 927-9000, ext. 32255.

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**Colonial Gables Homeowners Assoc**  
**Mailing Address**  
**C.G.H.A. PMB 137**  
4025 Cattlemen Road  
Sarasota, FL 34233

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**Sarasota County to officially open Potter Park gazebo**

Sarasota County Commissioners will join the Friends of The Legacy Trail and The Palmer Ranch Master Association Parks Committee at 10 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 6, for the grand opening of the new gazebo at Potter Park, 8587 Potter Park Drive, Sarasota.

The ceremony will include presentations by county officials as well as recognition of the 100-year anniversary of Bertha Palmer. The day-long celebration, hosted by the Friends of The Legacy Trail, will feature music, activities for children, food and beverage vendors, raffle drawings and a flea market featuring 50 different vendors. Potter Park, located directly behind the Sarasota YMCA at 8587 Potter Park Drive in Sarasota, offers a variety of recreational amenities including tennis courts, basketball courts, a nature/recreation trail around the park, picnic shelters, playground equipment and restroom facilities. For more information, contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-500

**Letter to the CGHA Newsletter**

The letter below was received in time for the January 2010 newsletter. I, as the person who creates the newsletter, failed to include this appropriate holiday item of interest within the January newsletter, which I truly apologize. While the writer may feel it's too late, I believe this one resident's message is still very important, and should be included within February's newsletter! As a board, we saw a decrease in the number of homes decorated for the Christmas Holiday. I believe a great many of our residents echo the same feelings. And, as a community, we need to take back our neighborhood and watch out for each other's property, to prevent the vandalism.  
Dan Patterson.

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For the past 15 Novembers I have heard, "I am not putting up outside Christmas decorations this year" and I always responded with "Yes you are. Remember you do it for the children." And he has decorated our yard with thousands of lights, animated figures and blowups. What joy we get when cars stop out front and we hear the oohs and aahs of the children and even the adults.

Unfortunately this may be our last year. We were vandalized three times before Christmas Eve. It's not cost of the ruined decorations, but the disheartenment we feel that someone thinks so little of the season and others property that they would choose to do this. We have seen house after house that use to put out lavish Christmas decorations go dark for the season. And have recently learned they stopped for the same reason this may be our last year. Who wants to spend days or weeks purchasing, designing and setting up only to have it trashed by thoughtless, uncaring individuals. Some will remember when Colonial Gables was on the Holiday Trolley circuit. Well, no more, and for good reason. So sad.



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Southwest Florida Chapter  
2001 Cantu Court, Sarasota, FL 34232  
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### CPR - CardioPulmonary Resuscitation

Who should take a CPR class?  
Everyone! Anyone that would like to know how to save someone's life during an emergency!

I have been certified in CPR for the past twenty-eight years. . I once was a certified instructor for the American Red Cross. First trained in the military, and my most recent class being conducted at my current job.

On Saturday, Jan 16, 2010, for the first time in my life, I used that CPR training. While visit someone in North Port, I heard a lady's urgent cry for help, while on the phone with 911. Upon walking up the driveway, the lady boyfriend, younger than myself, was without a pulse or breathing. I was able to start CPR and continued to do so until North Port Fire Department arrived.

I am sad to report, this man did past away. Like the Former Buccaneer Gaines Adams, this man had an enlarged heart. It appears he also suffered from high blood pressure. The comfort I was able to provide his family? I knew how to do CPR until EMS arrived. Do you?

Our community website was developed to serve as an information portal for our neighborhood and our local community.

[www.colonialgablesnews.net](http://www.colonialgablesnews.net)

Have you visited the new Colonial Gables website. Please let someone know your ideas of the website. If you have input for the website, please email them to [colonialgables@yahoo.com](mailto:colonialgables@yahoo.com)

### Newsletter Submissions

All articles, ads, and payments must be submitted by the 15th of each month. You can submit articles through the website or email [djpat77@verizon.net](mailto:djpat77@verizon.net) .

### Sarasota County Call Center

A one stop phone number connects you to Sarasota County for all your needs.

**941-861-5000**

or

Visit [www.scgov.net](http://www.scgov.net) and follow the link for an online service request.

# Colonial Gables News

February 2010 Edition



## Upcoming Yard Sale

Colonial Gables Homeowners Association will sponsor a community yard sale. This will include advertisement in various publications for March 20, 2010 from 8 AM to 1 PM. Rain date March 27th. A listing of those yard sales that have made a donation will be listed in a master yard sale listing that will be provided to guests as they arrive, along with a map. Please see the attached flyer for more information, or call Robert Summerall (Vice President) or email Lori Rinker (Secretary). Your information must be submitted by March 5, 2010.



### February Events:

Valentine's Day -February 14<sup>th</sup>  
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Libraries - All eight Sarasota County libraries will be closed Friday, Feb. 5, for staff development training. The libraries will resume their regular operating hours on Saturday, Feb. 6, 2010.  
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Presidents' Day -- Feb. 15, 2010 - No School  
Most Sarasota County Government offices will be closed Monday, Feb. 15, to observe the national holiday that celebrates President's Day. Visit [www.scgov.net](http://www.scgov.net) or call 861-5000 for more details on county closings.



### Colonial Gables Homeowners Association

**GENERAL MEETING - February 2, 2010 7:00 - 8:00p.m**

Colonial Oaks Park – Room C -  
5300 Colonial Oaks Blvd Sarasota 34232

Colonial Gables Homeowners Association  
Founded 1980

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5300 Colonial Oaks Blvd  
Sarasota 34232  
Room C

February 2, 2010  
7:00 - 8:00p.m.

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### WEB SITE

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